

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action mailed January 22, 2008 (hereinafter "Office Action"). In response, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 20 to clarify that a front side of the speaker faces the conductive first portion of the flexible film. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited reference fails to disclose or suggest, at least, the recitations of the independent claims as amended. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested for at least the reasons discussed hereafter.

Independent Claims 1 and 20 are Patentable

Independent Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by International Publication No. WO 02/35810 to Nevermann (hereinafter "Nevermann") with reference being made to U. S. Patent Application No. 6,980,157 as the English translation of the Nevermann reference. (Office Action, page 2). Independent Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nevermann in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,741,221 to Aisenbrey (hereinafter "Aisenbrey"). (Office Action, pages 5 - 6). As stated above, independent Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to clarify that a front side of the speaker faces the first portion of the flexible film. Claim 1 recites, in part:

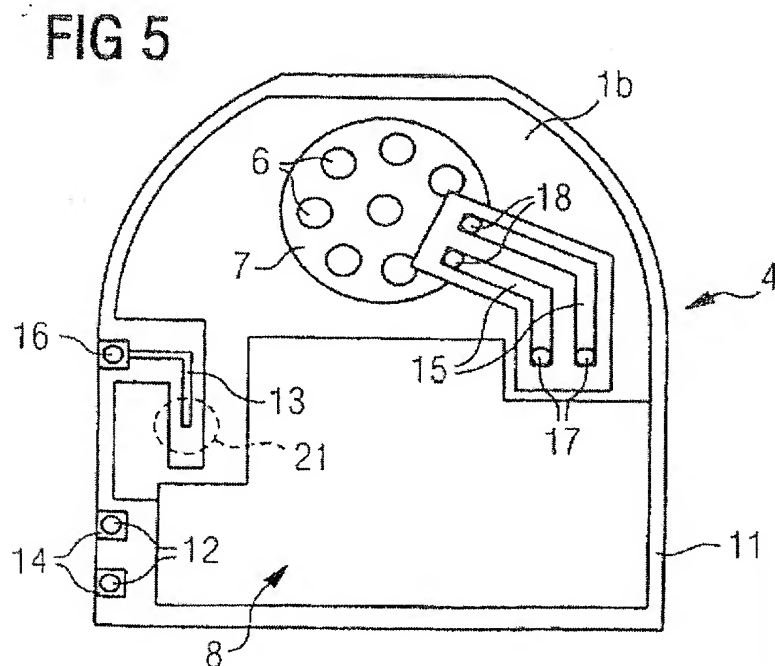
a sheet of a flexible film having a conductive first portion forming a first antenna element; and

an elongated second portion carrying a conductive lead, the elongated second portion including an inner end that is adjacent to the conductive first portion and an outer end that is connected to a speaker, such that the elongated second portion has a length defined by the inner end and the outer end and extends away from the conductive first portion and the inner end to the speaker and the outer end along at least a portion of the length;

wherein said elongated second portion is bent such that a front side of the speaker faces the first portion and that said speaker and said outer end of said elongated second portion are positioned at an aperture in said first portion. (Emphasis added).

Independent Claim 20 includes similar recitations. As shown in FIG. 9 and described on page 10, line 30 - page 11, line 1 of the present application, the second portion 33 is bent so as to position the speaker 41 such that a front side thereof faces the first portion 31. This may allow the speaker to be positioned within the speaker cavity, which may be beneficial as described on page 13, lines 5 - 13.

The Office Action alleges that the conducting area 1b corresponds to the flexible film and the conductive first portion. (Office Action, page 2). For convenience, FIG. 5 of Nevermann is reproduced below:



In sharp contrast with the recitations of independent Claims 1 and 20, however, the speaker is mounted in the cavity 7 and the back side of the speaker faces the holes 6 and the conducting area 1b (*see also*, Nevermann, FIG. 2).

The secondary reference Aisenbrey is merely cited for teaching the use of an insulating material in a flexible film and fails to provide the teachings missing above from Nevermann.

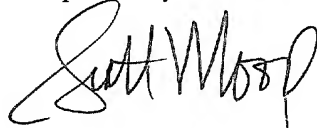
In Re: Wedel et al.
Serial No.: 10/544,121
Filing Date: August 2, 2005
Page 9

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 20 are patentable over Nevermann and that Claims 2 - 19 and 21 - 23 are patentable for at least the reason that they depend from an allowable claim.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-entitled application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

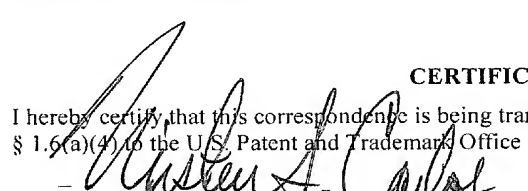


D. Scott Moore
Registration No.: 42,011

USPTO Customer No. 54414
Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec
Post Office Box 37428
Raleigh, North Carolina 27627
Telephone: 919/854-1400
Facsimile: 919/854-1401

CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 22, 2008.


Kirsten S. Carlos